

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

6/07/23

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP

Board discussion items:

- June 24 Field Day
 - To be held at Kensington park
 - Sign-up form, organization
- Update on coordination with Fire Dept
 - KE contributions to Fire Dept. SOG
 - Discuss Don's proposed KE SOG (separate from Fire Dept. SOG)
- Outreach to CERT/Hilliard
- Plan for future meetings
 - June: Prepare for Field Day
 - July: Post Field Day discussion (maybe ask Martha for a quick presentation of her ham experiences in Costa Rica?)
 - August: Mike N6JGA, ARRL section manager
 - Sept: Richard Dillman KPH/MRHS, two topics
- Marine coast station KPH, its history and current operation or, Marconi's original trans-Pacific operation and its evolution
 - KPH field trip opportunity
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

Field Day

- The location will be a lawn at the Kensington Community Center this year.
- Those interested can come to the KCC at 6:30 before the membership meeting on Monday to check out the lawn area where we will be located.
- We need members to volunteer for the various Field Day tables.

- Restrooms should be available but we need to find out about the keys.
- We don't want to put stakes in the lawn at this location so we will look for other ways to support antennas,
- Close-in parking will be limited so we will have to drive our cars to the unloading space, unload the car, and move the car out of the loading space.
- The area will probably get some foot traffic for PR opportunities.
- We can use the KE sign-boards currently in storage at KN6BUY to identify Field Day and the various tables.
 - A suggestion was made to use the term "Ham Radio Demonstration" rather than "Field Day" because it might be more understandable to the public.
- We should notify the fire and police departments about Field Day.

Meetings with the new Fire Chief

- There have been several more meetings with the new fire chief, the most recent on 6/7.
- El Cerrito/Kensington does not have an emergency coordinator so the fire department is filling that position now.
- There are 4 battalion chiefs and whichever one is on duty at the beginning of an emergency will be in charge. We don't know if all of them know who we are.
- It is not certain that anyone will be at El Cerrito City Hall at the beginning of an emergency so it might not be open and the EOC room may not be available.
- Nothing has been resolved yet and it still remains to be decided how a communication link with emergency services will work.